



## South Coast

# Air Quality Management District

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Yates, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Chairman

Greg Adams, L.A. County Sanitation District

Felipe Aguirre, Vice Mayor, City of Maywood

Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates

Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals

Daniel Cunningham, Metal Finishing Association of Southern California

Jacob Haik, Office of School Board Member Richard Vladovic

Rita Loof, RadTech International

Steve Mugg, South Orange County Representative, City of Mission Viejo

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Loveridge, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Vice Chairman

Luis Ayala, City of Alhambra

Todd Campbell, Clean Energy

Sergio Carrillo, South Bay Yellow Cab and United Checker Cab

Lucy Dunn, Orange County Business Council

Samuel Garrison, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications

Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

Mary Ann Lutz, City of Monrovia

Kelly Moulton, Paralegal

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Vlad Kogan, Orange County Sanitation District

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)

Ron Ketchum, Board Member Assistant (*Cacciotti*)

Nicole Nishimura, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)

Marisa Perez, Board Member Assistant (*Mitchell*)

David Rothbart, LA County Sanitation District

#### AQMD STAFF:

Anupom Ganguli, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor

John Olvera, Principal Deputy District Counsel

Robert Pease, Program Supervisor

Donna Peterson, Financial Services Manager

Cynthia Ravenstein, Staff Specialist

Denny Shaw, Supervising RTO

Jeanette Short, Senior Administrative Secretary  
Greg Ushijima, Air Quality Engineer II  
Patti Whiting, Staff Specialist  
Jill Whynot, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Planning & Rules Development & Area Sources

**Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**Agenda Item #2 – Approval of April 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

Chair Yates called for approval of the meeting minutes. The April 8, 2011 meeting minutes were approved.

*Action Item:* Agendize an update on the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Decision.  
✓ On agenda today – Item #3

*Action Item:* Staff to provide tree VOC emission rate information  
✓ Handout provided to Committee Members

*Action Item:* Staff to provide tree growth chart  
✓ Handout provided to Committee Members

**Agenda Item #3 – Update on United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Decision with Regard to the 2003 AQMP/SIP for the One-Hour Ozone Standard**

The Presenter, Ms. Barbara Baird was unable to attend this meeting, however she provided the Committee Members an informational handout about AQMD's position.

**Agenda Item #4 – Overview of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)**

Ms. Cynthia Ravenstein provided staff an overview of the MSRC program, including its source of funding, eligibility requirements, and types of projects that have been funded.

Mr. Paul Avila asked if the funding for replacing engines was just for buying the engine or if it included installation. Ms. Ravenstein replied that funding can cover installation if it doesn't exceed the maximum amount of funds allocated per engine.

*Public Comment:* Mr. Vlad Kogan, stated that they already installed a Hydrogen fueling station and asked if they are eligible for funding to maintain the station. Ms. Ravenstein replied that funding is only for new construction and not for maintenance.

*Public Comment:* Ms. Marisa Perez asked who is on the MSRC Board and how they're appointed. Ms. Ravenstein responded that it's an eight member committee; one representative from the AQMD Board, one from the California Air Resources Board, one from SCAG, four from Council of Government's (COG's), and one from the Regional Ridesharing Agency. She added that each of the entities designates their representative.

**Agenda Item #5 – Update on Proposed Rule 310.1 – Amnesty for Unpermitted Equipment and Small Business Discount for Control Equipment**

Mr. Robert Pease provided an overview of Proposed Rule 310.1 which provides temporary financial relief for owners/operators that voluntarily submit applications for unpermitted equipment requiring permits and to provide an additional discount for permits related to control equipment at small businesses.

Mr. Dan Cunningham asked if a company can request amnesty for equipment when they are not sure if permits are needed. Mr. Pease replied that as long as a Notice to Comply or Notice of Violation is not issued, the company would be eligible for the discount. Mr. Pease further added that Legislative and Public Affairs has a no-fault inspection program where an on-site visit is conducted to determine if a permit is needed.

*Public Comment:* Mr. Vlad Kogan asked why Title V facilities are not eligible. Mr. Pease replied that Schedule C and above are generally large pieces of equipment for which the company should know if permits are necessary.

Ms. Rita Loof asked whether process change equipment that also reduces emissions could be eligible for the additional 50% discount. Mr. Pease stated that staff will consider her suggestion.

Mr. Dan Cunningham asked if there was an outreach flyer related to the rule. Mr. Pease replied that staff will develop a flyer and press release upon board approval of the program on June 3, 2011.

**Agenda Item #6 – Social Media Update**

Mr. Denny Shaw provided an overview of AQMD's social media outreach efforts including AQMD on the Air, iPhone and iPad applications, YouTube channels, Twitter and Facebook.

**Agenda Item #7 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities**

No comments.

**Agenda Item #8 - Other Business**

No Comments

**Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment**

Please refer to Item # 4 and #5.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.